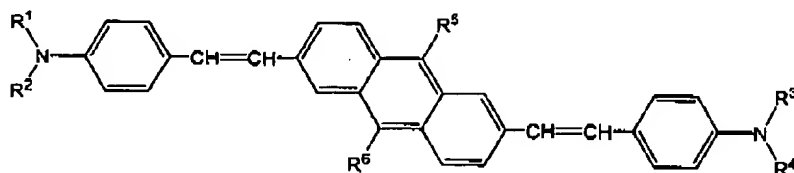


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The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings:

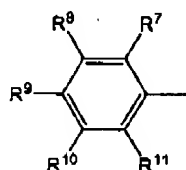
1. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound represented by formula [I], [II], [III], or [IV]

formula [I]:



where R² and R³ each denotes an unsubstituted aryl group, and R¹ and R⁴ each denotes an aryl group represented by formula (1)

formula (1)

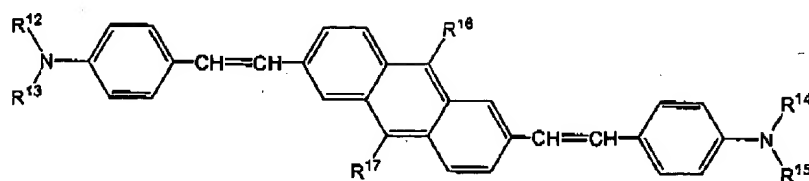


where R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, and R¹¹ are identical or different groups, at least one of them being a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon oxy group or hydrocarbon group having at least one carbon; and R⁵ and R⁶ are identical or different groups, at least one of them being a hydrogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, or halogen atom

formula [II]

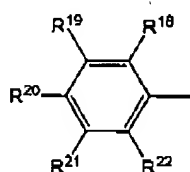
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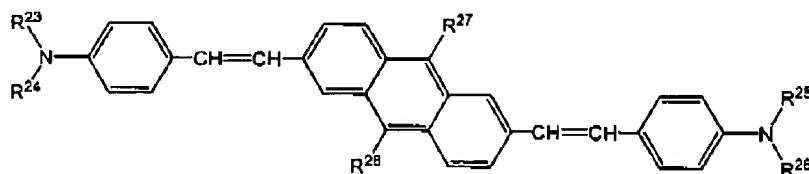
where R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{14} , and R^{15} are identical or different groups, each denoting an aryl group represented by formula (2)

formula (2)



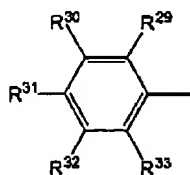
where R^{18} , R^{19} , R^{20} , R^{21} , and R^{22} are identical or different groups, at least one of them being a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon oxy group or hydrocarbon group having at least one carbon; and R^{16} and R^{17} are identical or different groups, at least one of them being a hydrogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, or halogen atom

formula [III]



where at least one of R^{23} , R^{24} , R^{25} , and R^{26} denotes an aryl group represented by formula (3), with the remainder being an unsubstituted aryl group

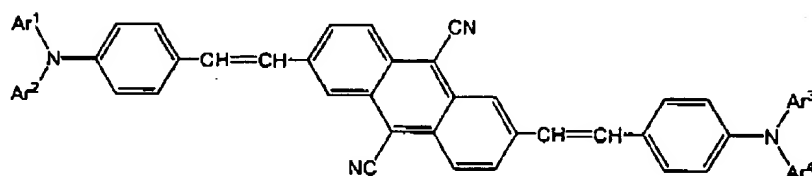
formula (3)



where R^{29} , R^{30} , R^{31} , R^{32} , and R^{33} are identical or different groups, at least one of them being a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon amino group; and R^{27} and R^{28} are identical or different groups, at least one of them being a hydrogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, or halogen atom.

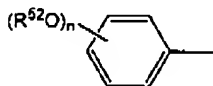
2. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound represented by formula (6)

formula (6)

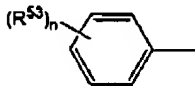


where Ar¹, Ar², Ar³, and Ar⁴ are identical or different, each denoting an aryl group which may have a substituent, and if a substituent is present, said aryl group being one which is selected from aryl groups represented by formula (7), (8), and (9)

formula (7)



formula (8)



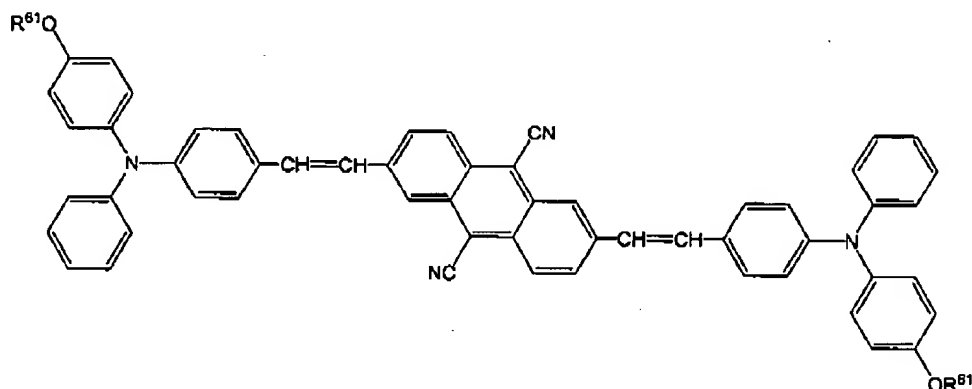
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where R^{52} , R^{53} , each denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having one or more carbons; n is an integer of 0 to 6;

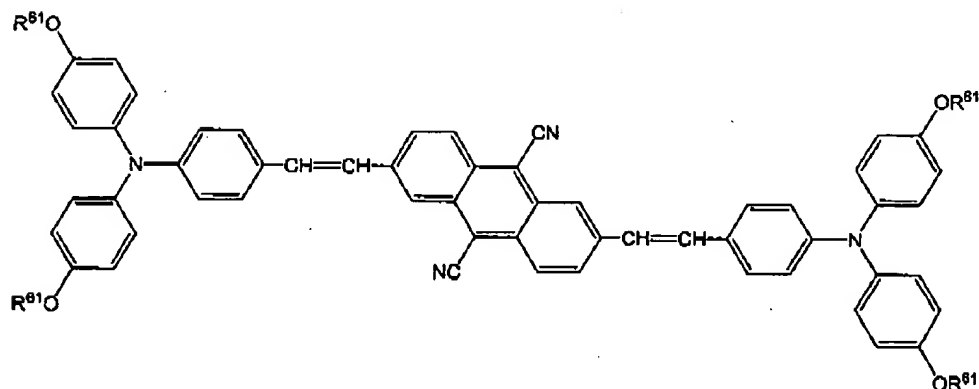
3. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in Claim 2, wherein R^{52} , R^{53} , R^{54} , each has from 1 to 6 carbons.

4. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in Claim 1 or 2 which is represented by formula (13), (13'), (14), (15)
formula (13)



where R^{61} denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms

formula (13')

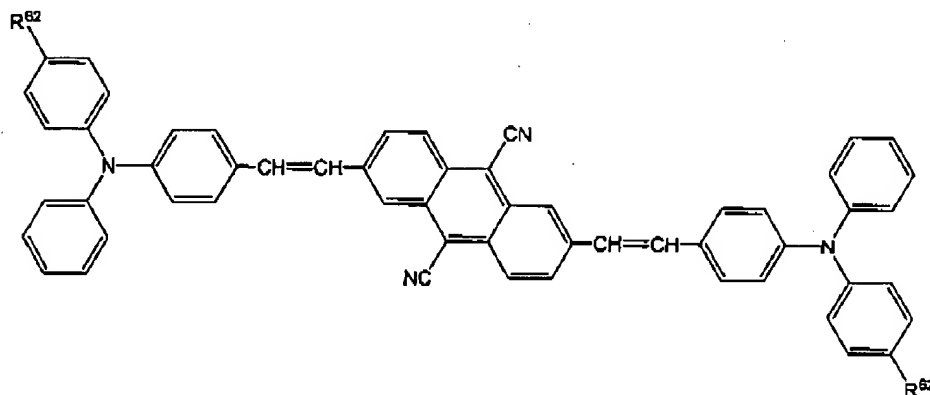


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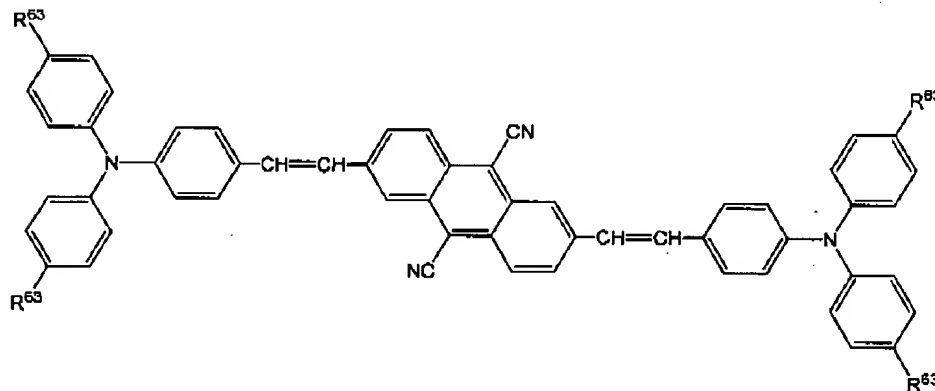
where R^{61} denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms

formula (14)



where R^{62} denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms

formula (15)



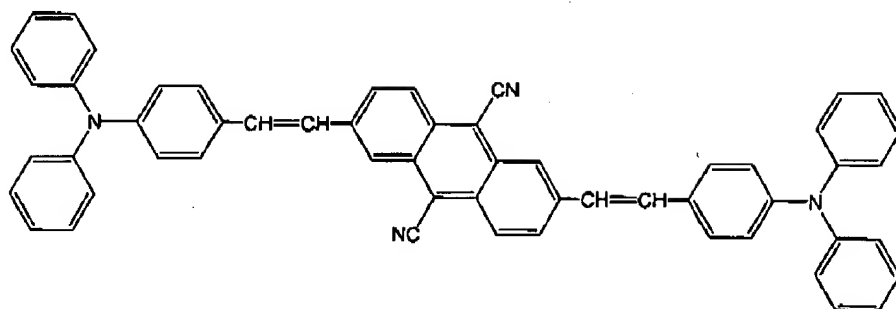
where R^{63} denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group or hydrocarbon oxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

5. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in Claim 1 or 2 which is represented by formulae (18)-1, (18)-2, (18)-2', (18)-3, (18)-4 or (18)-11

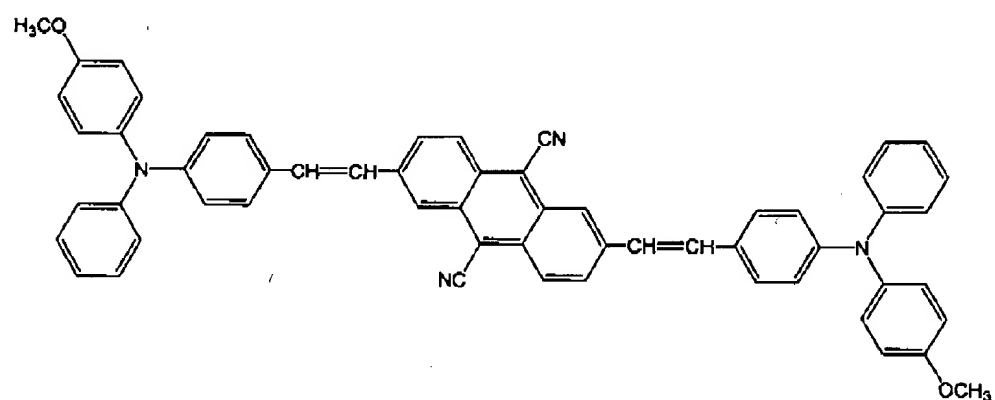
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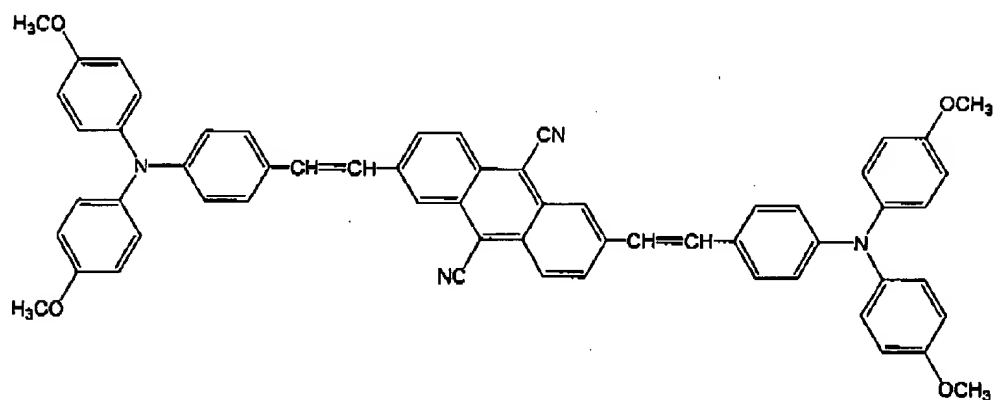
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formula (18)-2



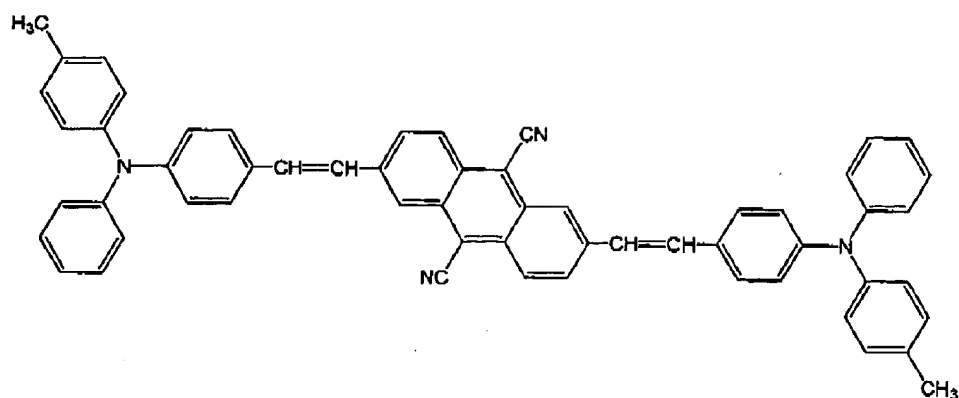
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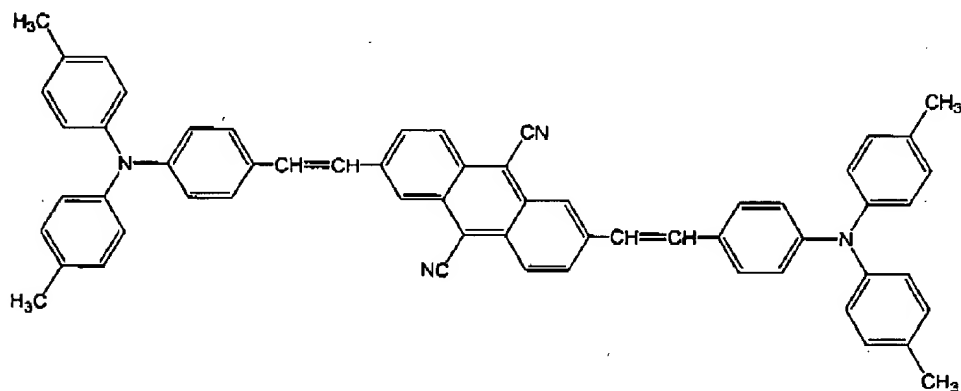
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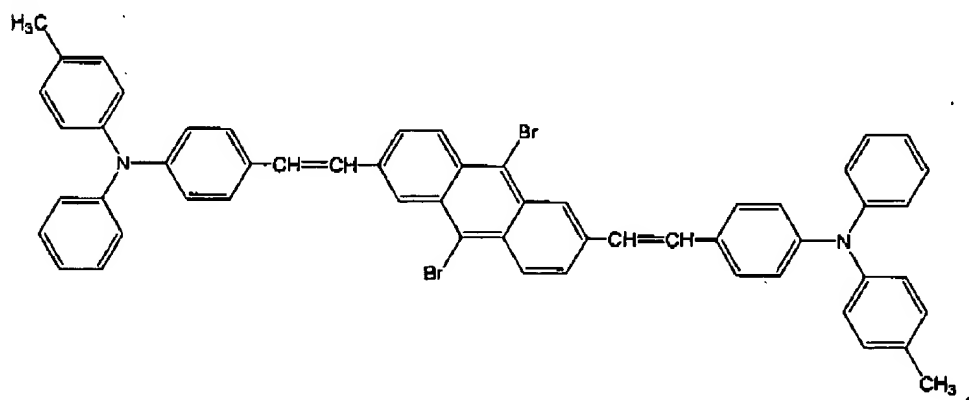
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formula (18)-4



formula (18)-11

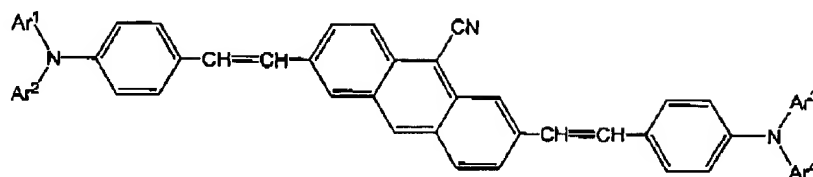


6. (Previously presented) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound represented by formula (19)

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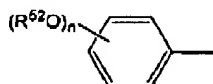
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formula (19)

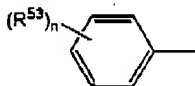


where Ar^1 , Ar^2 , Ar^3 , and Ar^4 are identical or different, each denoting an aryl group which may have a substituent, and if a substituent is present, said aryl group being one which is selected from aryl groups represented by the general formula (7), (8)

formula (7)



formula (8)



where R^{52} , R^{53} each denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having one or more carbons; n is an integer of 0 to 6.

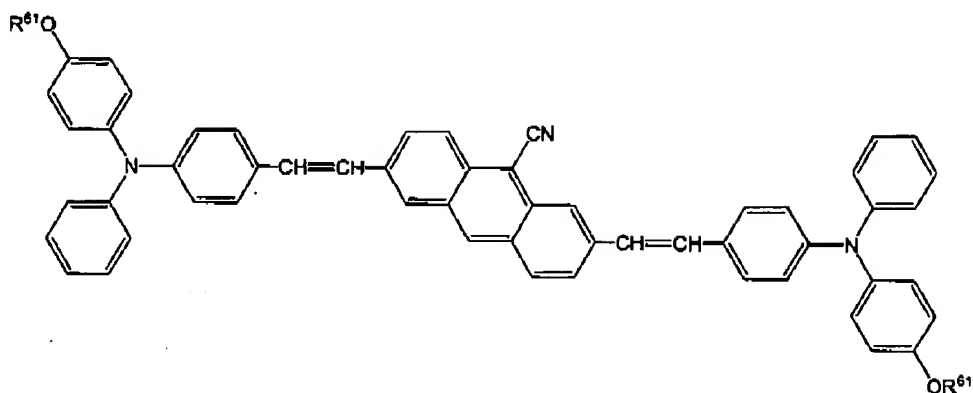
7. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in claim 6, wherein R^{52} , R^{53} , R^{54} , R^{55} , R^{56} , R^{57} , R^{58} , R^{59} , and R^{60} each has 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

8. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in claim 1 or 6 which is represented by formula (20), (21), (22)

formula (20)

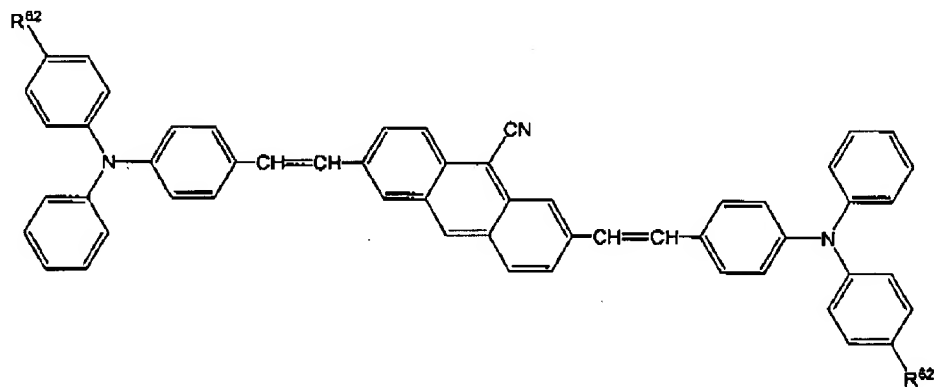
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where R⁶¹ denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms

formula (21)

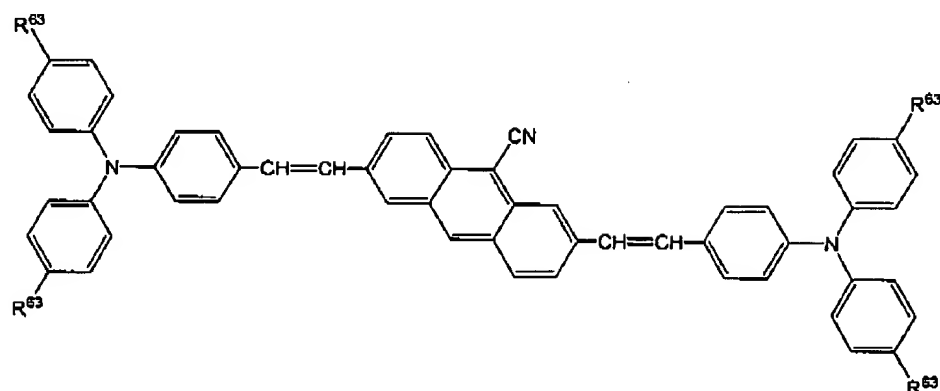


where R⁶² denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms

formula (22)

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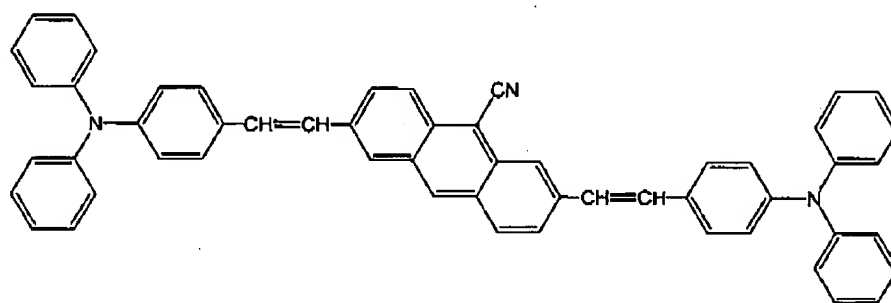
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where R⁶³ denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group or hydrocarbon oxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

9. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in Claim 1 or 6 which is represented by formulae (25)-1, (25)-2, (25)-2', (25)-3, (25)-4, or 25-(11)

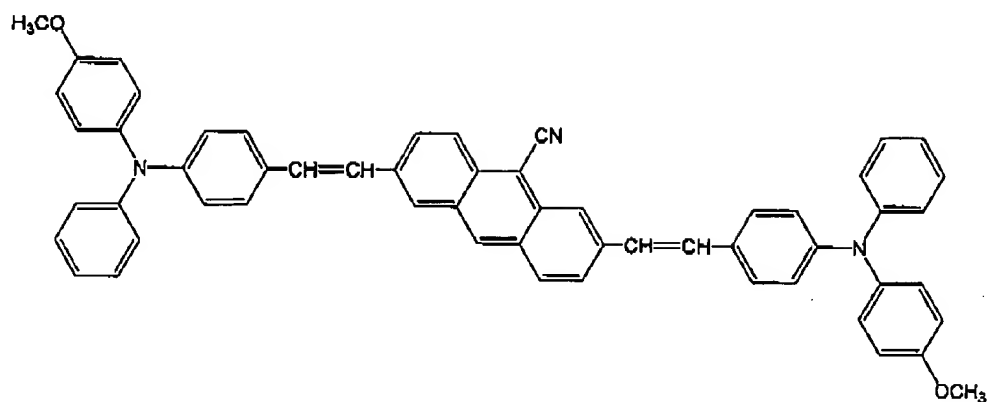
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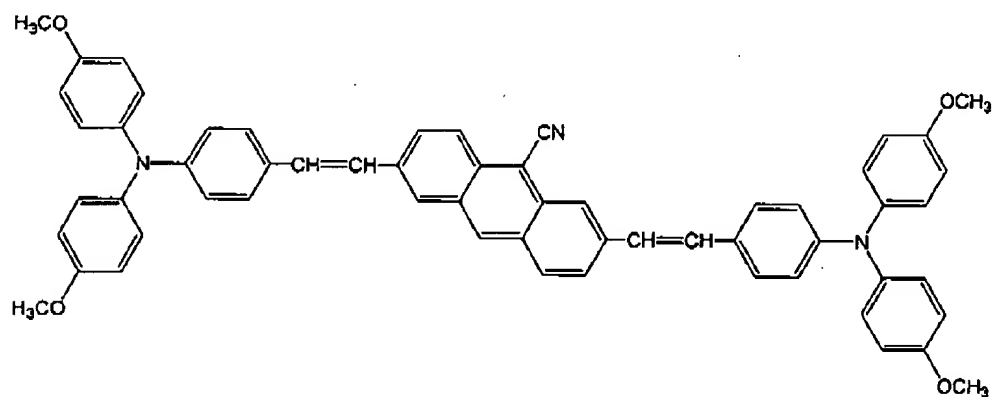
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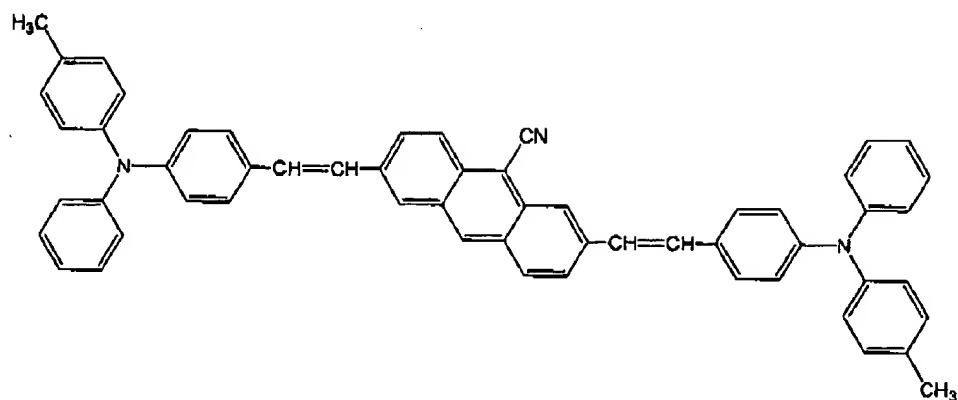
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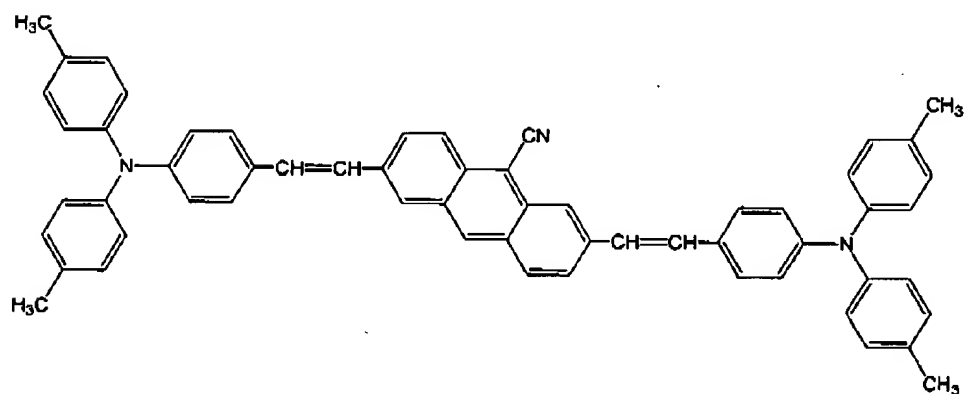
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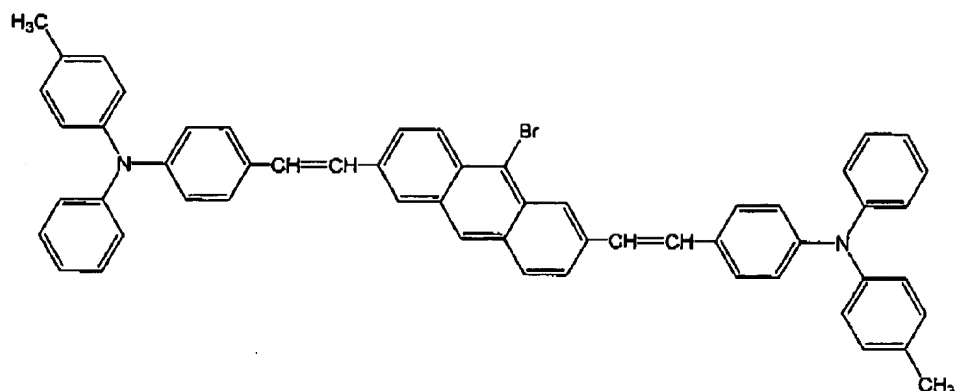
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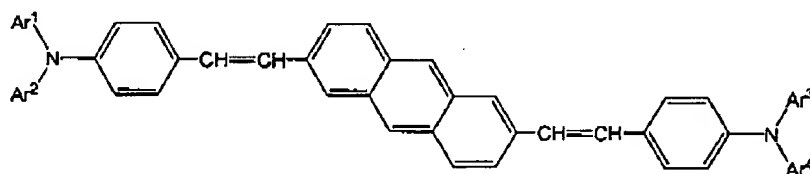
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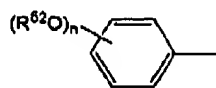
10. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound which is represented by formula (26)

formula (26)



where Ar^1 , Ar^2 , Ar^3 , and Ar^4 are identical or different, each denoting an aryl group which may have a substituent, and if a substituent is present, said aryl group being one which is selected from aryl groups represented by the general formula (7), or (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (12'), or (12'')

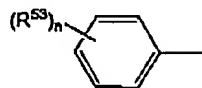
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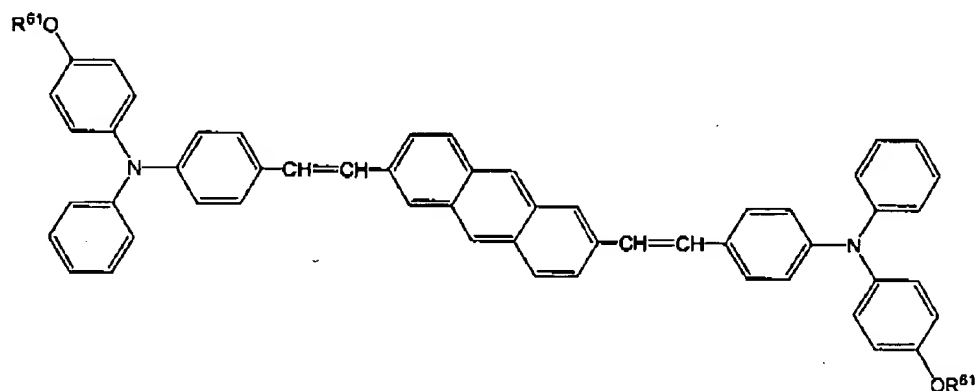
formula (8)



where R^{52} , R^{53} denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having one or more carbons; n is an integer of 0 to 6.

11. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in Claim 10, wherein R^{52} , R^{53} , R^{54} , R^{55} , R^{56} , R^{57} , R^{58} , R^{59} , and R^{60} each has 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

12. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in Claim 1 or 10 which is represented by formulae (27), (28), (29)
formula (27)

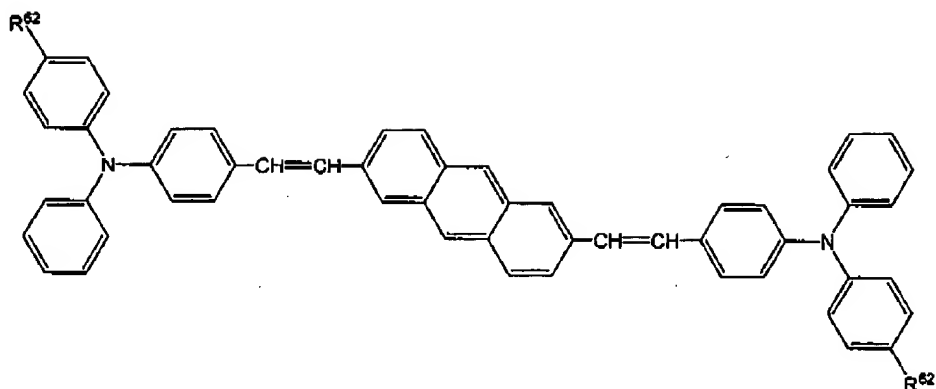


where R^{61} denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms

formula (28)

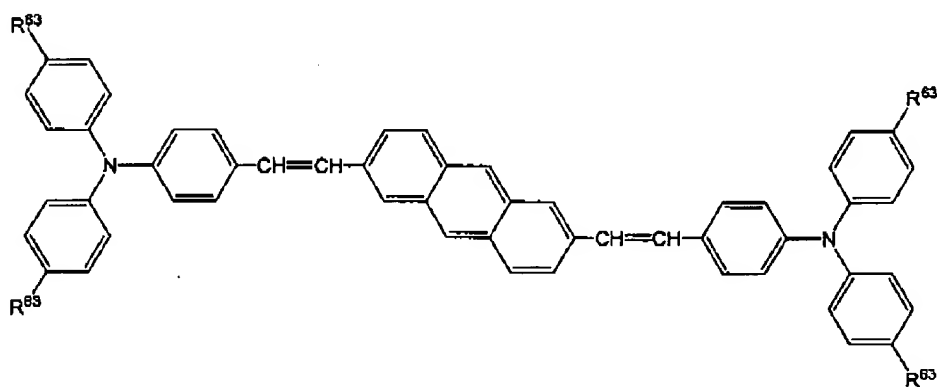
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where R^{62} denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms

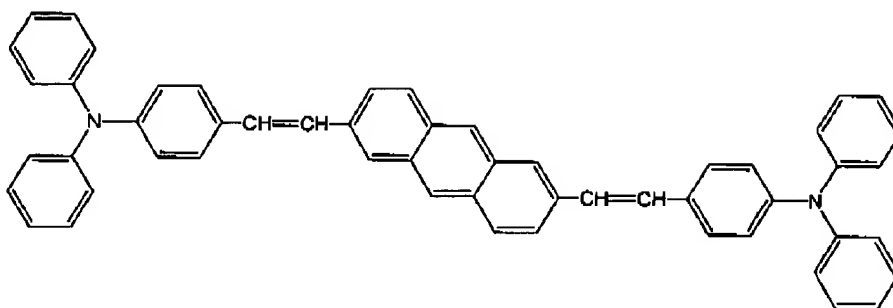
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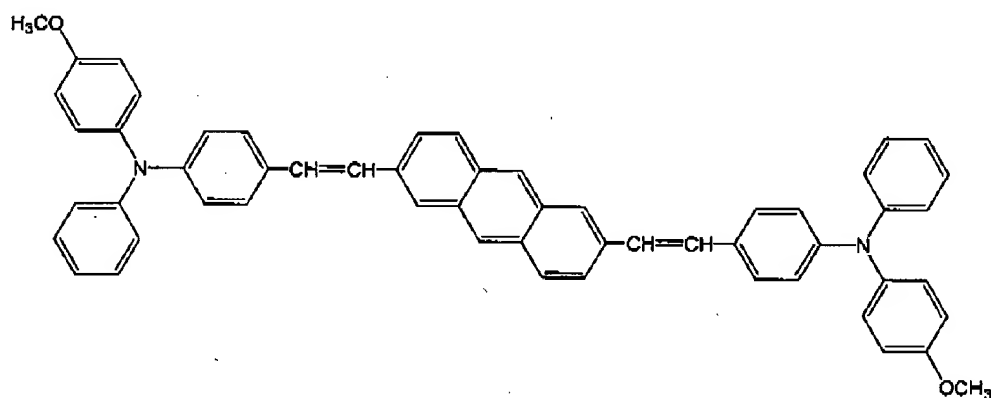
where R^{63} denotes a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group or hydrocarbon oxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

13. (Currently amended) A bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound as defined in Claim 1 or 10 which is represented by formulae (32)-1, (32)-2, (32)-2', (32)-3, (32)-4,

formula (32)-1



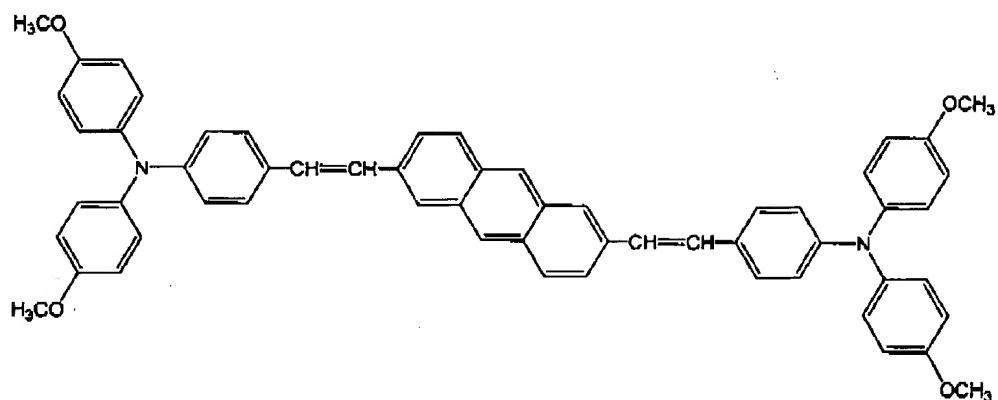
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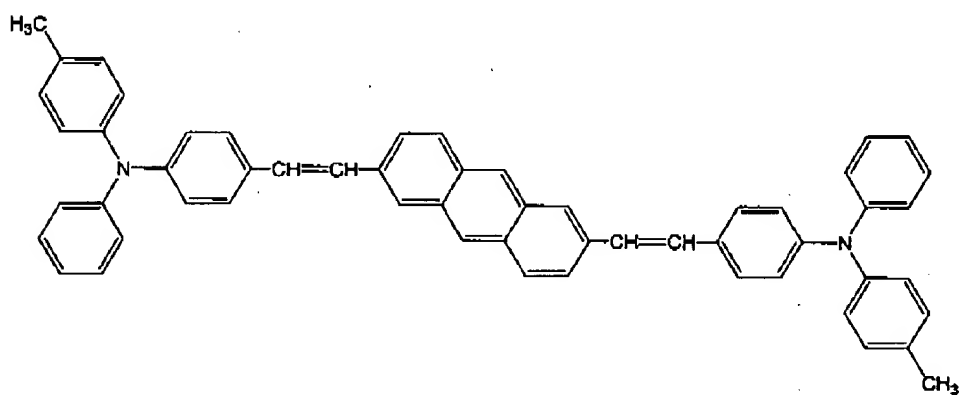
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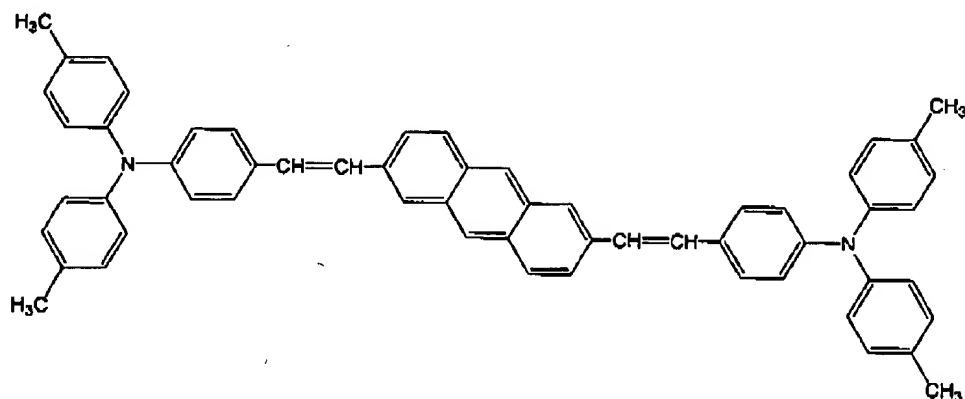
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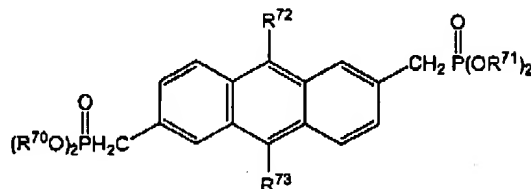
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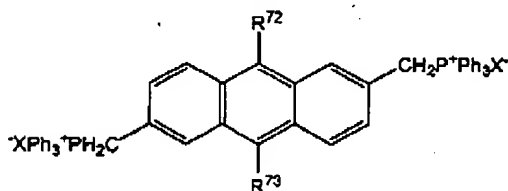
30. (Cancelled)

31. (Withdrawn) A diphosphonic ester or diphosphonium represented by the general formula [VII] or [VIII] below.

General formula [VII]



General formula [VIII]



(where R^{70} and R^{71} are identical or different, each denoting a hydrocarbon group; R^{72} and R^{73} are identical or different, at least one of them denoting a hydrogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, trifluoromethyl group, or halogen atom, and X denotes a halogen atom.)

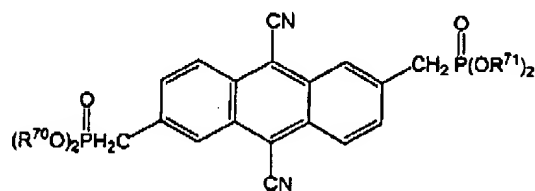
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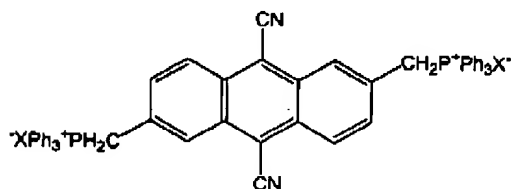
32. (Withdrawn) A diphosphonic ester or diphosponium as defined in Claim 31, wherein R^{70} and R^{71} each denotes a saturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

33. (Withdrawn) A diphosphonic ester or diphosponium as defined in Claim 31, which is represented by the general formula (35) or (36) below.

General formula (35)

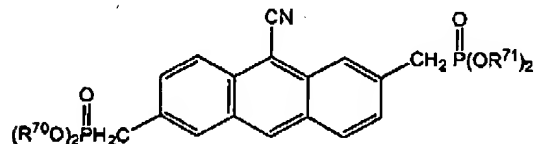


General formula (36)

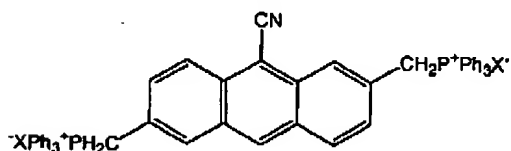
(where R^{70} , R^{71} , and X are defined as above.)

34. (Withdrawn) A diphosphonic ester or diphosponium as defined in Claim 31, which is represented by the general formula (37) or (38) below.

General formula (37)



General formula (38)

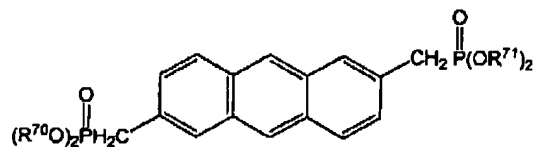
(where R^{70} , R^{71} , and X are defined as above.)

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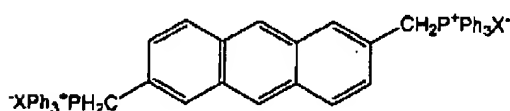
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35. (Withdrawn) A diphosphonic ester or diphosponium as defined in Claim 31, which is represented by the general formula (39) or (40) below.

General formula (39)



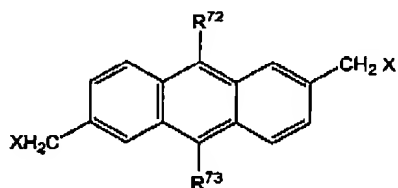
General formula (40)



(where R^{70} , R^{71} , and X are defined as above.)

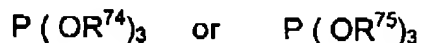
36. (Withdrawn) A process for producing a diphosphonic ester or diphosponium represented by the general formula [VII] or [VIII] below, said process comprising reacting an aryl halide compound represented by the general formula [IX] below and a trialkyl phosphite represented by the general formula [X] below or triphenyl phosphine (PPh_3).

General formula [IX]



(where R^{72} and R^{73} are identical or different, at least one of them denoting a hydrogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, trifluoromethyl group, or halogen atom, and X denotes a halogen atom.)

General formula [X]

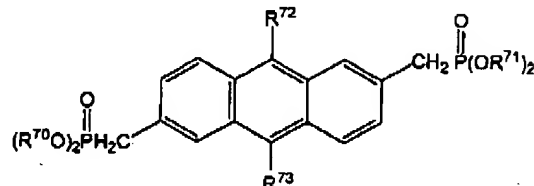


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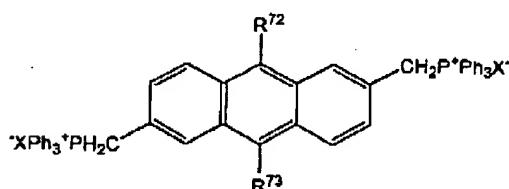
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(where R^{74} and R^{75} are identical or different, each denoting a hydrocarbon group.)

General formula [VII]



General formula [VIII]

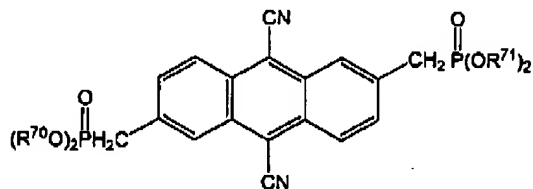


(where R^{70} and R^{71} are identical or different, each denoting a hydrocarbon group; and R^{72} , R^{73} , and X are defined as above.)

37. (Withdrawn) A process for producing a diphosphonic ester or diphosponium as defined in Claim 36, wherein R^{70} and R^{71} each denotes a saturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

38. (Withdrawn) A process for producing a diphosphonic ester or diphosponium as defined in Claim 36, said process yielding a diphosphonic ester or diphosponium represented by the general formula (35) or (36).

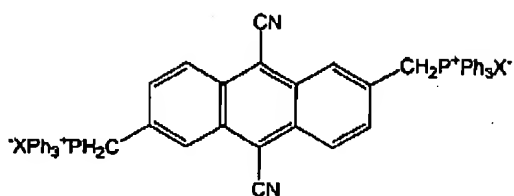
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General formula (36)

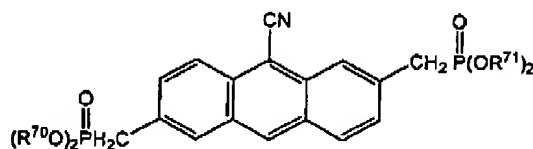
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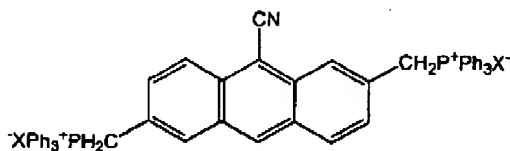
(where R^{70} , R^{71} , and X are defined as above.)

39. (Withdrawn) A process for producing a diphosphonic ester or diphosponium as defined in Claim 36, said process yielding a diphosphonic ester or diphosponium represented by the general formula (37) or (38).

General formula (37)

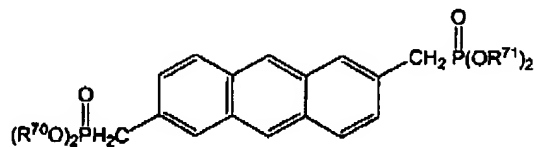


General formula (38)

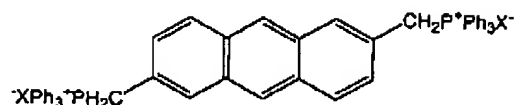
(where R^{70} , R^{71} , and X are defined as above.)

40. (Withdrawn) A process for producing a diphosphonic ester or diphosponium as defined in Claim 36, said process yielding a diphosphonic ester or diphosponium represented by the general formula (39) or (40).

General formula (39)



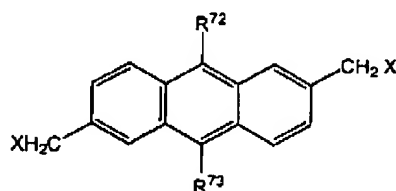
General formula (40)



(where R^{70} , R^{71} , and X are defined as above.)

41. (Withdrawn) An aryl halide compound represented by the general formula [IX] below.

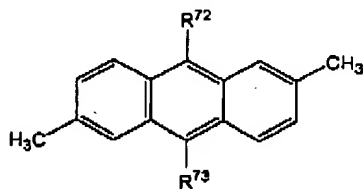
General formula [IX]



(where R^{72} and R^{73} are identical or different, at least one of them denoting a hydrogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, trifluoromethyl group, or halogen atom.)

42. (Withdrawn) A process for producing an aryl halide compound represented by the general formula [IX] below, said process comprising reacting an anthracene compound represented by the general formula [XI] below with an N-halogenated succinimide represented by the general formula [XII] below.

General formula [XI]

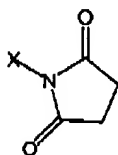


(where R^{72} and R^{73} are identical or different, at least one of them denoting a hydrogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, trifluoromethyl group, or halogen atom.)

General formula [XII]

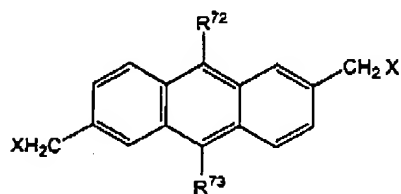
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(where X denotes a halogen atom.)

General formula [IX]



(where R⁷² and R⁷³ are defined as above, and X denotes a halogen atom.)

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